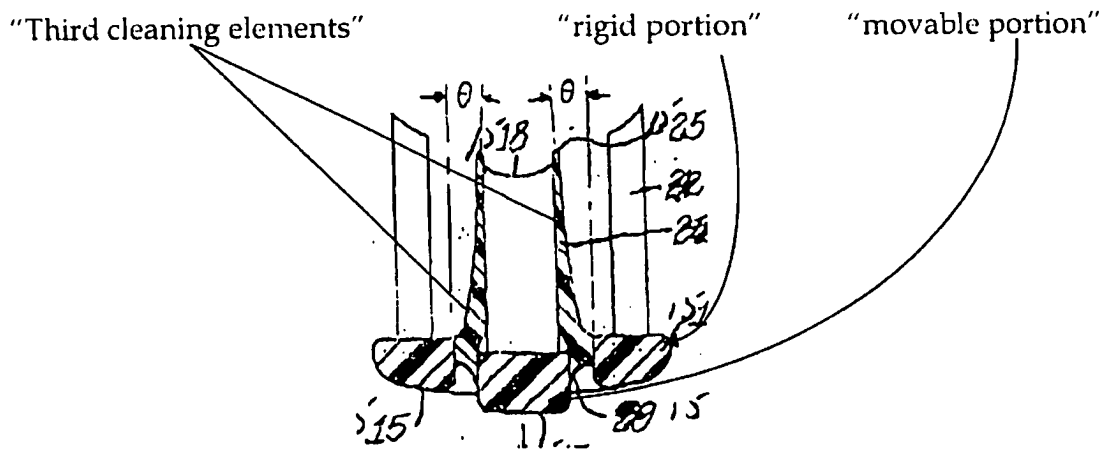


REMARKS

Claims 45, 48, 49, 77, 79-81, 88 and 89 are in the case. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Each of the Examiner's rejections is discussed below.

Claims 45, 48 - 49, 77, 79-81 and 88-89 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,316,576 to Urbush ("Urbush") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,442,786 to Halm et al. ("Halm"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The combination of Urbush and Halm fails to disclose or make obvious the feature of "a plurality of third cleaning elements, each third cleaning element mounted on said resilient membrane and connected to both said rigid portion and said movable portion." (emphasis added) This feature is best shown in Figures 14 and 15.



The office action cites Halm, elements 4 in Figures 18 -21 as disclosing this feature. This is not accurate. The cleaning elements 4 in Figures 18 - 21 of Halm are connected to either part 6, 14, or 67. None of the cleaning elements 4 are mounted on a resilient membrane and connected to both a rigid portion and a movable portion, as required by claim 45. Urbush fails to overcome the deficiency of Halm discussed above. Accordingly, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

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It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 03-2455.

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